



**1120<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
7:30PM Wednesday August 26, 2009  
Building C, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, California**



**Interesting Latin American Coins**  
*Ken Takahashi*

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Please join us August 26, 2009 to hear Ken Takahashi speak about "Interesting Latin American Coins". Members are encouraged to bring such items from their collections to exhibit. We know you have them!

### **1119<sup>th</sup> meeting, Tokens of Oakland, California** *Herb Miles*

On short notice, Herb presented a slide show on many of his early 1900 Oakland, California tokens. Oakland, of course, is right across the bay from San Francisco, but has always been considered a bit less of a city by San Franciscans.

Nevertheless, Oakland was incorporated in 1852, very soon after San Francisco, and has always been a significant hub for industry. Its port has been in constant use since that time; it was a natural terminus for the transcontinental railroad, and many piers were constructed along the shore as well as in Alameda, which became an island only when a ship's channel was dug in 1911 separating it from Oakland.

Oakland, by the way, was named for a grove of oak trees that stretched from downtown through Alameda; "encinal" in Spanish means grove of oaks. Alameda, curiously enough, is Spanish for a promenade of shade trees, so an obvious relationship existed between the grove of trees and the shaded promenade from which the city and island are named.

Many of the tokens illustrated feature cafes and bars, which are truly a collector's delight! Attempting to track when the places existed by maker signatures, i.e., Moise, Klinkner, Jachens, and others is quite a challenge and determining if the original buildings still exist is another challenge altogether!

Some of the favorites illustrated are the Café Rex, Black Saddle Lounge, A.A. Dahlke, Hotel Oakland (still appears the same as in 1915), Osgood Brothers Cigar Store, and many, many others.

### **July 2009 Exhibits**

Mark exhibited a Mexican 50 Peso "Color Trial" sheet with seals for note backs illustrated and a new coin book on Mexican Error Coins.



Ken brought 3 nice Latin American large silver coins, a Bolivar "Boliviano," an Argentinean Sun Face Crown, and an 1818 Chilean Crown.

Jerry, in honor of the night's talk, brought his examples of Oakland tokens with Chinese script (as well as 3 Berkeley pieces also with Chinese script), all from the 1910-1920 time period. Very nice!!

Herb brought a "Grutli Exchange," 625 Pacific Street brass token, probably from San Francisco's Barbary Coast; on the reverse is the number "25."

Whalen exhibited two military medals; one a USA "Good Conduct" medal and the other a medal given to Cuban veterans of the Spanish-American War.

Scott brought a very interesting piece from his favorite country, the Belgian Congo, a "mule" or an obverse and reverse which do not belong together. This piece has one side with the design of the 5 Francs of 1936 (KM 24) and the reverse has the design of the 1922 1 Franc (KM 21)! Magnificent and weird at the same time!

### July 2009 RAFFLE

GGIE Aluminum Place Mat to Whalen

Mexican 1968 Silver Olympic 25 Peso went to Whalen

Bank of Detroit aluminum token to Ed

Chinese 5 Yuan Uncirculated Coin & First Day Cover to Ed!

San Diego BPOE ink stamp from San Diego Lodge #168 to Ed again!!

1989 Krause World Coin Catalog to Ed one more time!!!

Civil War Tokens by Fuld to Sandra, whew!

### **Breaking News!**

Scott Griffin, a Northern California coin dealer, is arranging a coin show on November 5 and 6 of this year in the Old Mint. He has indicated that the local clubs will be able to promote themselves at the Granite Lady. Stay tuned as details firm up for this exciting opportunity.